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MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378 (c))**

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2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS



Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 1/2 yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 1/2 yr fee	(2551)
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The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ _____ (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee.

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5. MANNER OF PAYMENT



Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$

\$2880.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. _____

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Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY



The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition deficiency to Deposit Account No. _____

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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

ENCLOSURES

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Maintenance Fee Payment

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Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)

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